



U.S. Citizenship
and Immigration
Services

FILE:

Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER

Date: SEP 30 2004

IN RE:

Petitioner:
Beneficiary:

PETITION: Immigrant Petition for Special Immigrant Religious Worker Pursuant to Section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4), as described at Section 101(a)(27)(C) of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(27)(C)


ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:

SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Mari Johnson

 Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

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DISCUSSION: The employment-based immigrant visa petition was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be summarily dismissed.

The petitioner is a church. It seeks to classify the beneficiary as a special immigrant religious worker pursuant to section 203(b)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1153(b)(4), to perform services as a minister. The director determined that the petitioner had not established (1) that the beneficiary had the requisite two years of continuous work experience as a minister immediately preceding the filing date of the petition; (2) that the petitioner had made a qualifying job offer to the beneficiary; (3) its ability to pay the beneficiary's proffered wage; or (4) that the beneficiary had entered the United States to perform qualifying religious work.

8 C.F.R. § 103.3(a)(1)(v) states, in pertinent part, "[a]n officer to whom an appeal is taken shall summarily dismiss any appeal when the party concerned fails to identify specifically any erroneous conclusion of law or statement of fact for the appeal."

On the Form I-290B Notice of Appeal, filed on January 2, 2004, the petitioner indicated that a brief would be forthcoming within thirty days. To date, over eight months later, careful review of the record reveals no subsequent submission; all other documentation in the record predates the issuance of the notice of decision.

In the statement on the appeal form, the pastor of the petitioning church states that he will, within 30 days, submit evidence of the church's ability to pay the beneficiary's salary. The pastor makes no mention of the several other stated grounds for denial. This statement is not sufficient basis for a substantive appeal.

Inasmuch as the petitioner has failed to identify specifically an erroneous conclusion of law or a statement of fact as a basis for the appeal, the appeal must be summarily dismissed.

ORDER: The appeal is dismissed.